

# Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to BPAI decision, 12/27/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some\*   c) ☐ None   of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 1-24 are allowed. Claims 4-6, 8, 11-13, 20-22 are rejoined as dependent on the allowed independent claims.

***Election/Restrictions***

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 25-43 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. **Accordingly, claims 25-43 have been cancelled.**

***Reasons for Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The overall claimed combination of a method of providing information to a user comprising: collecting information at a first computer system; creating a plurality of first web-sites at said first computer system from said information, each of said first web-sites being addressable by a unique Universal Resource Locator (URL) and each of said first web-sites being identified by a physical location; assigning one of said first web-sites to a user as a user web-site; and selecting links to a plurality of said first web-sites, other than said user web-site, for presentation on said user web-site based on a relationship between the physical locations identified by said first web-sites and the physical location identified by said user web-site is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by the prior art.

Bonnaure (WO 98/04088) teaches a method of collecting information at a first computer system as recited above but does not disclose or teach collecting web sites, including a user's

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web site at the common computer and providing the capability for presenting links, on that user's web site, to the web sites found based on the relationship between the physical locations identified by the user's and other's web sites.

Ye (Master's Thesis, of record) teaches a geographic based URL address structure.

Tornetta (US 5,032,989) teaches a real estate search and location network where the user specified local area is a circular area having a predetermined radius from the physical location associated with the user's web-site.

Although all of the subject matter in claim 1 is described by Bonnaure and Ye, except the creation of such web sites, one of which is assigned to a user for both selection based on the physical location the web site identifies and presentation of the link selection results, this limitation is neither found nor suggested by either Bonnaure or Ye. Since the created web sites identified by a physical location element appears in the limitations of claim 1, this must be considered a significant limitation.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KELLY CAMPEN whose telephone number is (571)272-6740. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alexander Kalinowski can be reached on (571) 272-6771. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

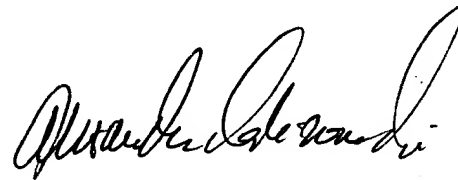
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